



# Maryland

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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SEPTEMBER 12 , 2005

### Harvesting Pace Increased for Corn and Hay

Farmers were busy harvesting **corn** for silage, **vegetables**, **hay** and **fruits**. There were 6.6 **days suitable for field work** for the week ending September 11, 2004. **Corn** for grain harvest has begun with 6 percent harvested. **Corn** for silage increased 18 percent from last week to 64 percent harvested, well above last year and the five-year average. **Soybeans** are turning color and beginning to drop their leaves.

Farmers were able to make progress on **other** and **alfalfa hay** harvest. The third cutting of alfalfa is nearing completion with 96 percent harvested and the fourth cutting is 59 percent complete. The third cutting of other hay is 68 percent complete. **Vegetable** and **fruit** harvests for **snap beans**, **cantaloupes**, **watermelons**, **cucumbers** and **potatoes** will likely finish up in the next two weeks.

**Pasture** is rated 2 in excellent condition, 34 percent good, 45 percent fair, 16 percent poor, and 3 percent very poor.

### MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 11, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
<b>Harvesting Progress:</b>				
Apples	57	49	39	29
Cantaloupes	97	94	93	92
Cucumbers	91	89	86	85
Lima Beans (processed)	72	71	69	57
Potatoes	87	82	93	97
Snap Beans	95	94	95	89
Tomatoes	85	79	88	86
Watermelons	91	88	90	88
Corn for Silage	64	46	58	45
<b>Crop Progress:</b>				
Corn Dent	80	65	89	77
Corn Mature	43	27	60	47
Soybean Turning Color	25	7	27	21
<b>Hay Harvested:</b>				
Alfalfa Hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	96	93	93	91
Alfalfa Hay 4 <sup>th</sup>	59	43	39	41
Other Hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	68	52	74	68

### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 11, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	28	54	18	-
Topsoil (2004)	7	31	61	1
Five Year Average	5	22	62	11
Subsoil Moisture	22	39	39	-
Subsoil (2004)	5	15	80	-
Five Year Average	10	18	66	6

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 11, 2005

	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.00	33.41	4.45	86	52	70	-2
Easton	0.00	31.52	-0.03	84	55	70	-3
Frederick	0.00	28.24	0.58	85	51	69	3
Frostburg	0.00	27.72	-6.47	79	49	65	2
Hagerstown	0.00	21.61	-5.64	83	53	69	-1
Mechanicsville	0.00	29.46	-2.65	82	53	67	-4
Patuxent River	0.00	29.91	-0.11	85	57	72	2
Ocean City	0.02	31.26	-1.47	81	55	70	-2
Salisbury	0.01	33.40	0.49	87	49	67	-5
Sharpsburg	0.00	25.55	-2.11	88	48	67	2
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.00	29.20	1.85	86	60	74	0
Delaware							
Dover	0.00	35.25	3.75	82	57	70	-3
Georgetown	0.03	30.28	-1.65	87	54	70	1
Wilmington	0.00	25.64	-3.41	86	53	71	0

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